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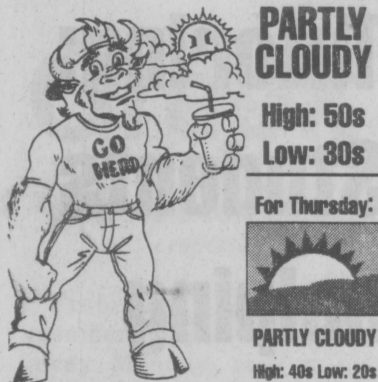
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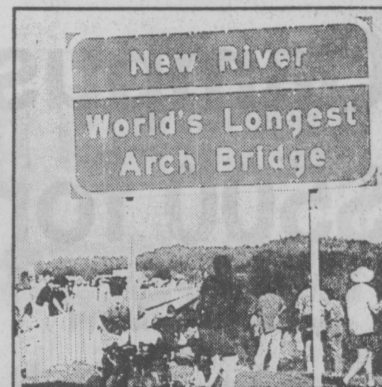
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Petition circulates to reopen stacks

by BUTCH BARKER
staff writer

At a time when the people still stare at the new John Deaver Drinko Library in amazement, some students are focused on a problem the library move has caused.

A petition to reopen the James E. Morrow Library stacks has been circulating campus since the discovery of the policy involving the stacks closing.

The policy includes the stacks being off limits to students and requires a request form filing from students interested in a journal or book from the Morrow Library.

The petition, adorned with more than 100 names, was started by a group of unnamed students concerned with the

hassle the closed stacks could cause, said Patrick M. Sheehan, petitioner and Marshall student.

The next step for such a petition could be handing it over to the Faculty Senate, said Dr. Nicholas Freidin, associate professor of anthropology and faculty senate library representative.

"We would look at the petition as a committee and address it," Freidin said. "This is a problem that should and can be solved."

Wendy T. Moorhead, collection access librarian, said this change was made public long before the move from the Morrow Library to the Drinko Library.

"This policy was made known before," said Moorhead, a two and a half-year librarian at

Marshall, "deans, professors and anyone who asked at the old circulation desk were informed about the change."

"We always said exactly how the new policy was going to work."

Moorhead said the new policy on circulation of Morrow books and journals involves a book request filing and a little patience on waiting for the request to be brought from the Morrow stacks.

Request forms are available at the circulation desk in the Drinko library or can be accessed via the Marshall libraries homepage, Moorhead said.

Books and journals are brought from the Morrow Library three times a day, Moorhead added. Times are 8 a.m., 1 p.m., and 4 p.m.

Moorhead said students are asked to give the library 24 hours for their requests to be made and students have 48 hours to pick up their requests.

That is what some students do not like the sound of.

Heather A. Alexander, junior accounting major from South Charleston, said she doesn't understand the exact reasoning behind the policy.

"The policy is bull," said Alexander, an actual petition signer. "The requests would probably take a ridiculous amount of time."

"If a student needs a book today and you cannot get it until tomorrow, then he or she would probably be in trouble," she added.

Dennis W. Crawford, Huntington senior and counseling

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John Marshall undercover



Although hidden under a gray tarp, the statue in front of the John Deaver Drinko Library is not easily mistaken as the university's namesake. Identified by bold letters on the pedestal the statue stands on, John Marshall will be unveiled Oct. 23.

photo by Robert McCune

Herd's home to be ready by Nov. 14

by CHARLES SHUMAKER
reporter

When the basketball teams begin practice Thursday, the only thunder coming from Cam Henderson Center will be that of the construction going on inside. The team will be down the road at Veterans Memorial Fieldhouse while their home is renovated.

The \$4.7 million project is going on a pre-determined schedule and should be ready for use by the Nov. 14 men's basketball game, said Mike Meadows, director of facilities planning and management.

"We originally planned on having the project finished as early in November as possible and right now it is on that pre-determined schedule," he said.

The renovation is a two-fold project, Meadows said, one part is to bring the arena up to code compliance and the other is to redo the structural integrity. He said in order to bring the facility up to code as far as today's standards are, there had to be improvements to the fire alarm system, emergency generator and the exiting among other things.

Meadows said the structural aspect of the renovation includes turning the seating from a north-south, east-west format into more of an arena or bowl-shaped design.

Although the renovation will renovate the floor and seating of Cam Henderson Center, the Herd's home will still lack air conditioning.

"For every project there is a wish list of things that you want to have done, and on this one there was air conditioning for the Henderson Center. When estimates came in, they were too much, so this was eliminated early in the project," Steven Rackley, associate athletic director for operations said.

Meadows said the air conditioning was put off along with other things because of the possibility of further renovations.

"This is a multiphase project, and when it started, there were things that needed to be done to bring the facility up to code, and things that could be considered later," Meadows said.

He said there is space available to possibly put a green room for alumni with more concessions or a media room, but those are not planned.

"This is looked at as an ongoing project, there is the possibility of further renovation for the facility, including the air conditioning," Meadows said.

Festival brings the world to Marshall

by XIAOLIN LIU
reporter

The aftertaste of a tasteful dish would still linger around the top beam of the house after three days, an old Chinese saying goes.

The Annual International Festival left a lasting aftertaste, Oct. 18 in the Memorial Student Center.

Participants were "traveling" around Europe, South America, Asia and Africa, viewing the scenery posters and brochures, learning folk arts and customs and tasting foods that probably are hard to find on a restaurant menu in town.

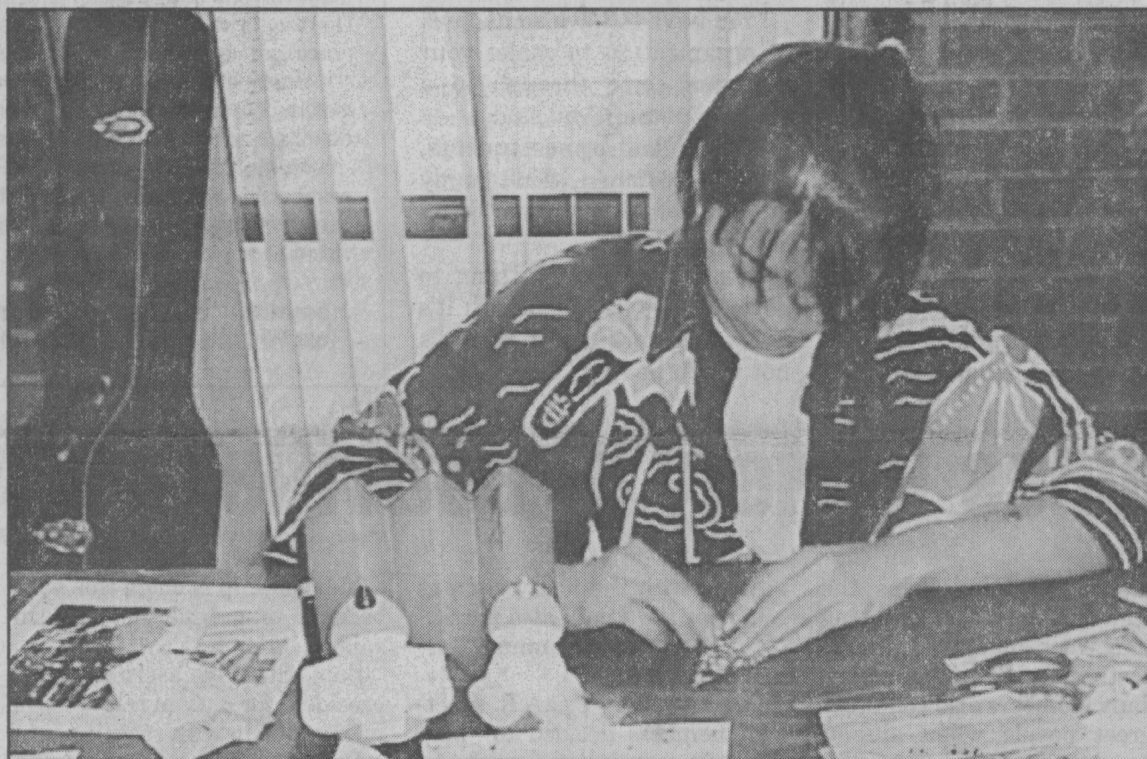
"I've traveled all over the world, but there are still so many countries that I don't have the opportunity to go to and learn the culture," said Dr. William Edwards, executive director of the Center for International Programs.

The Don Morris Room was filled with hundreds of people from both the university and the community. Children were running from booth to booth with their eyes busy with the strange arts and crafts, clothes and things they could not even name.

Kazue, a Japanese student of the English as a Second Language Program, was busy doing paper-folding on the Japanese booth. Small pieces of flowery paper came off her hands quickly as small cranes and a variety of other forms.

Michael Rovatsos decorated his booth with a row of Greek arts, crafts, posters and brochures depicting the Mediterranean style scenes. He is in the tourism business in Huntington.

"Greece is prestigious for its great civilization," he said. "It owes its sophistication and



charm to the meshing of different civilizations that have occupied the country. For example, the town of Corfu, Odysseus' last stop on his long journey home to Ithaca, is made up of completely dissimilar leftover elements in a history of thousands of years."

Up on the stage, a group of Greek ladies and gentlemen in native clothes were dancing some jubilant traditional Greek dances-Yialo Yialo, Pentozali and Sousta, as they are called.

The room was soon filled with the sentimental sounds of Pipa, a traditional Chinese instrument.

Weilin Wang, a freshman in the College of Business, has been playing Pipa since very young and has gained the eighth level national approval. She was wearing a traditional and once-very-popular Chinese clothes, Qipao, with a dragon design

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ABOVE: Kazue, a Japanese student of the English as a Second Language program, does traditional Japanese paper-folding at the International Festival at the Student Center Sunday.

LEFT: Weilin Wang, wearing a once-popular Chinese Qipao, plays Pipa, a traditional Chinese instrument for the hundreds of people who attended the festival.

photos by Xiaolin Liu

Marshall is new member of national association

by JENNIFER L. TYSON
reporter

Marshall University is now a member of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC).

President J. Wade Gilley said joining NASULGC "is a significant development for Marshall, reflecting our emergence as a major state university."

Marshall's enrollment increase to 15,000 students, the additional medical school and its regional service role prompted the invitation to join, Gilley said.

Fellow members in the NASULGC include West Virginia University, University of Pittsburgh, University of Virginia and Miami University. Nine of 14 Mid-American schools are members.

According to the NASULGC web site at www.nasulgc.net, it's "a voluntary, non-profit association of public universities, land-grant institutions and many state university systems."

There are 200 member institutions in NASULGC.

The web site states "NASULGC campuses enroll more than 3.1 million students and claim upwards of 20 million alumni."

Gilley said joining the NASULGC, "provides access to more research and a chance for continuing faculty education, with more meetings between peers and opportunities for grant money."



GILLEY

Former geography professor returning Emmy Award winner to dedicate library

by JOCELYN MULLINS
reporter

Professor, author and national television personality, Dr. Harm J. de Blij will be visiting Marshall once again; this time it's for the dedication ceremonies of the John Deaver Drinko Library.

The geographic editor on ABC's Good Morning America for seven years, de Blij, is now a geography analyst with MSNBC.



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in other ways. He has published more than 30 books, including scientific, education-

al and popular titles. One such book is the current text for World Geography at the university. His attribution on the title page refers to him as a visiting professor from Marshall University.

After schooling in Europe, de Blij went to college in Africa and then furthered his degrees in the U. S. He received his doctorate in geography from Northwestern University.

He has numerous honorary degrees in the humanities as

well as the sciences. One such degree was awarded by Marshall and was given an Honorary Doctorate of Letters in 1992.

His work in television has earned him a share in an Emmy Award in the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in 1993.

Also in 1992 he was a visiting professor of the geography department and the speaker at the graduation ceremonies here.

Although de Blij is here for the dedication ceremonies, he will also be speaking with students.

Thursday evening de Blij will have dinner with John Deaver Drinko and other honored guests. Friday morning he will be lecturing two geography classes.

De Blij will be present Friday afternoon for dedication of the John Marshall statue and for the library dedication Saturday.

Campus ministry gets \$500 for tailgate parties

by JESSICA MARTIN
reporter

Baptist Campus Ministry receives \$500 from Student Government Association every year. This year was almost the exception.

BCM completed a funding packet asking SGA for \$500 for tailgate parties that it hosts before every home football game.

The tailgates are non-alcoholic and open to all students, not just BCM or the Christian Center.

The argument presented by Student Senate was that \$500 was a lot of money to spend on

tailgating. There are only three home games left in the season, and the senate did not understand how much money was needed for just three games.

BCM member Jason Downey said the money went to feeding the 50 to 60 people who show up to the tailgates.

Downey did not know where the money to fund the previous games came from.

BCM's funding packet was completed and turned in before the first football game. Downey didn't know why the bill was just now going through senate.

Another question brought up by the senate was BCM did not

specify approximately how much money was spent per game.

Downey told the senate that he could get the figures if the senate wanted them.

The bill was passed by a vote of 17 to one.

"The tailgate parties take place on the corner of the Campus Christian Center on the lawn when it's sunny. If it's raining, we have it inside," Downey said. "We have a lot of people that show up, a lot of fellowship, a lot of conversation," Downey said.

"We have free food, all you have to do is show up and talk to a few people."

Howard asks for donations

by JESSICA MARTIN
reporter

Student Body President Mackenzie Howard is asking students to help a fellow student.

Former Marshall student Cheli Stover was diagnosed with Leukemia last spring. The Student Government Association had a fund-raiser last spring to raise money to help pay for her medical treatments. They, along with sororities and fraternities, raised over \$400.

Stover now lives in Raleigh, North Carolina where she is awaiting a bone marrow transplant. Her rent and medical equipment cost her \$900 a month. Howard is asking all SGA members, student organizations and individual students to

donate money to help her.

An account is set up in her name for all donations.

Any one with questions can call Howard at the SGA offices at 696-6436.

"If they want to write a check and nobody is up here, they can put it in an envelope and slide it under my door," Howard said.

"They can either make it out to SGA or the Cheli Stover Fund, either way it will get into her account," he said.

"It's very exciting that they can give her a transplant, but she is still very sick and needs medication and medical equipment. Anything can help."

"Her family is hardworking, but who has that kind of money."

Tutoring: Students helping students

by KETWAN T. CREWS
reporter

Need a hand in some of your classes?

Students fighting to receive at least a D in a class, may find some relief with the help of tutoring services on campus.

Tutoring sessions are taking place in Marco's in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

Marshall offers students up to two hours a week for up to two courses of tutoring free, according to Matthew Farr, Virginia Beach, Va., graduate assistant.

"We work on supply and demand," said Sandra Clements, coordinator of educational support programs.

"If you need a tutor, apply early in the semester because spots go quickly," Farr said.

Clements said the Tutoring Office provides tutors for basic freshman classes, such as math and biology.

"We hire MU students to tutor other students," Clements said.

Student fees pay for the peer tutors.

The Tutoring Office has 85-90 tutors who work up to 20 hours a week.

To be a peer tutor, a student must meet certain requirements. One must have an overall 3.0 gpa, and an A or B in the subject to be tutored. The pay starts at \$5 an hour.

Any Marshall student can apply for a tutor by going to Prichard Hall, Room 134 and filling out an application.

More information is available by calling 696-6622.

Tips offered to help students' skills

by BRYAN CHAMBERS
reporter

Learn to manage time effectively, select a good environment and always be organized.

These are just a few of the study tips passed along to students by Patty Walker, director of the reading program for the Community and Technical College at Marshall.

Walker also teaches an academic skills class and a math studying skills class.

Walker said before students can form good study habits, they must attend class every day.

"Attendance is the determining factor for success," she said.

Walker said students should then set a weekly schedule of the best times for them to study. "It's best to study right after class because it's fresh in your mind," she said. "You shouldn't be a slave to the

clock, though."

Aaron Earles, senior biology major who recently conducted a residence hall program last month called "Awesome Study Tips: The Key to Success in College," said a student needs a social life.

"If you study all the time, you're going to burn yourself out," he said.

"But, you also need to know how important it is and when it's time to study."

Walker added that students shouldn't study longer than one hour at a time and should reward themselves by watching television for a brief period of time or having a snack.

Dacia Quick, senior biology major who helped Earles lead the study tips residence hall program, said if a student is not comfortable or relaxed, then it's impossible to study.

"It really depends on the person because some need total

quietness, while others need some kind of noise like a radio," she said.

Walker said studies have proved that studying with any kind of background noise is ineffective and should not be done.

"Make sure you're in an environment where you won't be distracted or likely to fall asleep such as bed," she said.

Earles said if students set a pattern for when and where they will be studying, they will become used to it.

"You have to have some level of organization to make your thoughts come through in a concise manner," he said.

Walker said some students, mainly freshmen, don't study enough or don't have good study habits.

"It's a very special thing to get a college degree, and if it's not worth working for, then it's not worth having," she said.

Ways to make As

✓ **Use behavior modification:** If you try to study at the same time and same place each day, you will soon find that when you get to that time and place, you're automatically in study mode.

✓ **Don't spend more than an hour at a time on one subject:** If you're doing straight memorization, don't spend more than 20 to 30 minutes. Experts say you learn best in short takes.

✓ **Keep alert by taking frequent rest breaks:** Specialists advise a 10-minute break between subjects. Another technique is to begin with your most boring subject -- or the hardest toward the easiest or your favorite.

✓ **Study similar subjects at separate times:** Brain waves are like radio waves -- too little space between inputs causes interference.

✓ **Avoid studying during sleepy times:** Psychologists have found that everyone has a certain time of day when he or she gets sleepy. Don't try to study then. Schedule some physical activity, sort your notes, get your books together or study with a friend.

✓ **Study at the most productive time for your course:** If it's a lecture, do your studying soon after class; if it's a course in which students are called on to recite or answer questions, study before class.

✓ **Memorize 0, not passively:** Researchers have found that the worst way is to simply read something over and over again. Instead, use as many of your senses as possible. Use sound, use associate, visualize term

Sources: "Test Taking Strategies by Kurkel and Peterson and "Test Without Trauma" by Erwin and Dinwiddie

S.O.A.R. includes variety of activities and functions

by BRANDY BARKEY
reporter

Leadership, motivation, involvement in the community and campus life are all said to be parts of one organization—S.O.A.R.

Student Organization for Alumni Relations (S.O.A.R.) tries to promote a positive image of Marshall University by participating in university life and alumni functions.

It is important to become active in the college community, said Mike T. Payne, S.O.A.R. graduate adviser.

Stephanie M. Collazo, S.O.-A.R. president, said there are many activities students can become involved in if they become members.

This organization helps the Alumni Association during Alumni Weekend and homecoming festivities, she said.

Many members also volunteer to greet people when alumni have a buffet-style dinner. The dinner is held at President J. Wade Gilley's house before home football games, she said.

S.O.A.R. is an organization that "bridges the gap between students and alumni," Collazo said.

Working for the group allows Collazo to enjoy talking to alumni about all the improvements at Marshall University.

This organization is "a great way to meet people and make contacts for the future," Collazo said.

Along with the many campus activities the group also participates in many community service projects.

During recent S.O.A.R. meeting, members decided to help the city mission with a Halloween party and stuffing stockings for the salvation army, Collazo said.

While there are many activities to participate in that are worthwhile, membership is declining.

Membership is down this year because of graduation, Collazo said.

Sam Stanley, assistant vice president for alumni relations, is trying to help with recruitment.

Payne said, The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity has returned to campus this year and Stanley a former member, has asked the six pledges to join S.O.A.R. as part of their community service project, Payne said.

S.O.A.R. currently has 14

members, Collazo said. She wants to invite all graduate and undergraduate students to become part of this group that works to provide availability and loyalty to Marshall.

S.O.A.R. meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 9:15 p.m. at the Erickson Alumni Center.

American Marketing Association will meet today at 5 p.m. in Corbly Hall 414. For more information, e-mail childe16@marshall.edu

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Greek dance benefits SADD

by J. TRENTON TURNER reporter

Fraternity and sorority members danced the night away Monday, raising more than \$1,000 for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). Brian Lucas of the Huntington Police Department and Huntington High School Resource Officer said the SADD program was started at the school by the Huntington Police Dept. "We have changed the title from Students Against Drunken Driving to Students Against Destructive Decisions to teach students that the

problem is not just with drinking and driving, but with other decisions that they may make in their lives," Lucas said. The dance was sponsored by the Panhellenic Council and Intra-fraternity Council. "Over 340 Greeks filled the Don Morris Room in a community service effort to not only raise money, but raise the Marshall and Huntington communities' awareness of Greek contributions to the area," said Christine Boggs, Panhellenic graduate adviser. The Greeks were treated to pizza, drinks and door prizes donated by local businesses. Jen White, vice president of projects for Panhellenic and

dance coordinator, said she was very pleased with this year's turnout. "The dance was a big success. We have raised over \$1,000," White said. All proceeds from the dance go directly to Huntington High School's SADD program. White said raising the money was the easy part. "Showing the public that Greeks are not all about stereotypes and that we feel strongly about supporting our community, is the hard part." Lucas agreed. "I think this dance is a great idea. Since MU's Greek system seems to be going dry, it's great to see that they can all get together for a

dry event, have fun and raise money." J. D. Thornburg, Pi Kappa Alpha president, said, "It's good that Greeks can raise money together. Greeks at Marshall are responsible for a large bulk of the community service on campus and this dance proves that." Tiffany Tully, senior criminal justice major and Alpha Chi Omega member, said, "As a Greek system, I think it is great that we can all come together to do something good for the community." J. Trenton Turner is also president of the Intrafraternity Council.

Festival brings culture

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on it. Under her fingers, the Pipa was imitating various natural sounds, relating people's inner feelings, and even telling a famous Chinese historical story, "The Dream of the Red House." Lingering along the booths was like roaming an international food street. All sorts of exotic foods were prepared for participants to taste. Among these were snacks, desserts, fish pie and egg rolls. There were the Russian fruit rice, Chinese stir-fried rice and Thai spicy chicken rice. Sandwiches, cakes and drinks were also served at the festival. "Food is always a good part of the festival," Edwards said.

Hector Pittore, who came from Venezuela almost 15 years ago, just finished dancing with his wife a folk Salza dance. "There was ignorance to foreigners when I just came to this country," he said. "But now it's all different. America is really a good melting pot to incorporate people from around the world." A group of Brazilian youths performed impromptu Brazilian martial arts dance—Capoeira. Mike and Natalie Selikhov brought the perfor-



photo by Xiaolin Liu

A Greek booth was part of many booths set up at the Don Morris Room for the International Festival Sunday.

mance to its peak with familiar Russian folk songs, among them was "The Suburban Night of Moscow." Sumalee Cherry came to America from Thailand 23 years ago when she got married. "Life then was very inconvenient in Thailand," she said. "When I first arrived in America, I found people were watching color TV. But now the two countries are getting more and more alike." Edwards said, "It's very im-

portant for both the Marshall community and the region to understand the heritage of different people from around the world here in the area. "It's most important that people get to see how diverse our world really is, and how much it is alike. We live in a very global society. Our economy is very global, which is obvious after what happened with the Asian crisis. Anytime something happens across the world, it's going to affect us. That's impor-

tant for our students and community to think. I have a hard time to understand why people wouldn't care about what's happening around the world," he said. Every year there are more and more people coming to the festival, Edwards said. John Perduv, a Huntington resident, said he was excited to see so many foreign communities at the festival. "The greatest effect of the festival is community wide," Edwards said. Many children attended the festival with their parents. "It's important for them to start learning early on that there is more than just West Virginia or the United States in the world and experience people from other cultures," said Scott Hoppe, director of the International Students and Scholars Program. The festival also provided an opportunity for people to learn foreign languages. The Thai booth prepared a list of commonly-used sentences, for instance, both "Hello" and "Goodbye" in Thai is "Sawasdee." The 32nd International Festival ended with the West Virginian song, "Country Roads."

Library causes controversy

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major agreed. "I use the library as often as needed and I find it hard to believe the university would allow this policy to remain," Crawford said. "There has to be some kind of reasoning behind this." And there is, according to Moorhead.

"The books that remain in the Morrow stacks are ones that had less circulation (throughout the years)," Moorhead said, "however, that doesn't mean the books are less worthy, however." Journals that are still in the Morrow stacks are ones dated before 1993, Moorhead said. Newer ones are available in the Drinko Library. Moorhead said there are actual benefits to the policy. Students will no longer have to maneuver their way through the stacks, and books will fall

into their hands instead of causing a book search party. "The Morrow stacks were originally closed a number of years ago and they are not well lit," Moorhead added. Freidin said another contributing factor to the closed stacks could be the library's budget. "The library is under budgeted, which means it would be hard to pay additional staff in the Morrow Library," Freidin said. "Personnel already has to be divided between the two libraries."



Left to Right: Entebbe S. Butler, 3 yr. Scholarship Cadet, Allen C, LaDriere, 3 yr. Scholarship Cadet, Mark I. Hooper, 2 yr. Scholarship Cadet, Matthew L. Wolverton, 3 yr. Scholarship Cadet, George P. O'Malley, 2 yr. Scholarship Cadet, Gregory W. Tharp, 4 yr. Scholarship Cadet.

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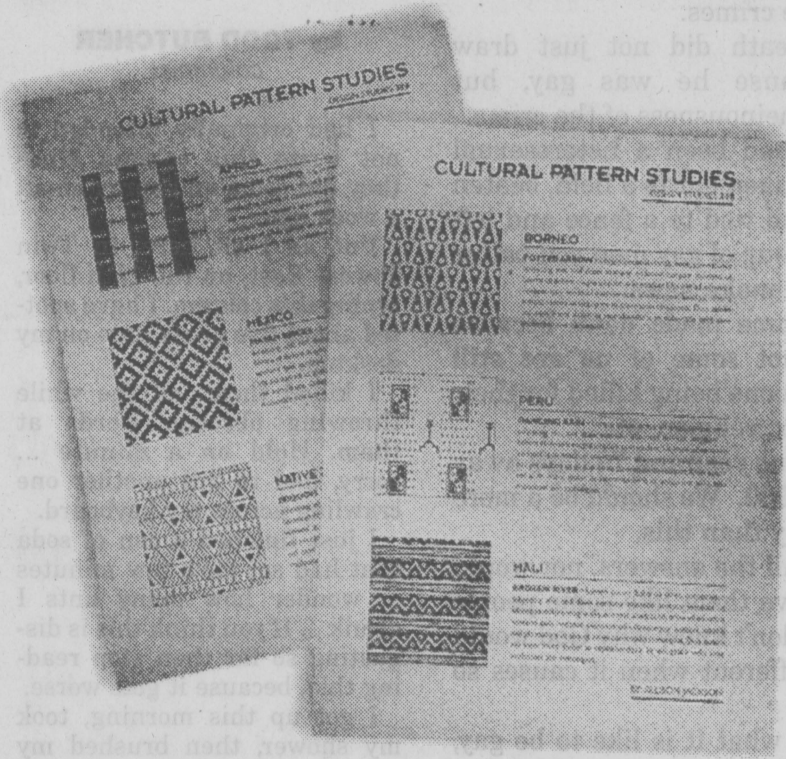


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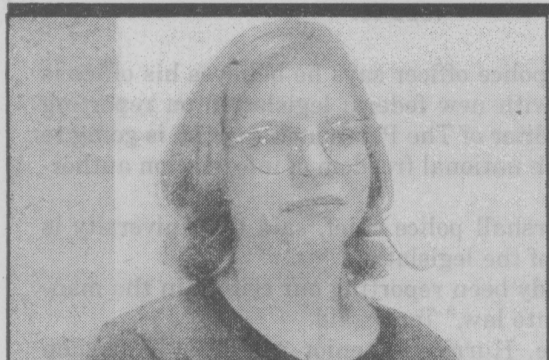
—Chris Pence
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HOT TOPIC



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KENESON-HALL

Hate crimes not Christian

On Monday, Oct. 12, Matthew Shepard died after being kidnapped, robbed, beaten, tortured and brutally murdered because he was gay.

At his funeral his family and friends were subjected to anti-gay protest and signs by so-called Christians.

I am a Christian. I believe that word means to be "Christ-like," and I don't recall my lord and savior condoning murders in his name. Jesus preached a message of love, even for people who are outcast in his time.

I feel a true Christian would not have held up hate at the funeral of Matthew, but instead would have tried to bring love and compassion to a community so wrecked by this vicious murder.

In a letter to the editor in today's Parthenon a reader complained of the "Homosexual Propaganda" on campus. I am sorry if a list of homosexuals on the sidewalks offends some people, but this is America and we do have the right to say what we want. Yes, even gays.

If we start to silence any group it is not long before we belong to one of those groups.

A candlelight vigil was held, not only in memory of Matthew, but also for others affected by hate crimes.

Matthew's death did not just draw attention because he was gay, but because of the heinousness of the crime.

If Matthew had been a heterosexual male who was taken out to a field, beaten with a pistol and tied to a fence and left for dead by a group of gay men you better believe it would make news.

Matthew's crime made news because believe it or not some of us are still shocked by someone being killed for their gender, race, sex, religion, etc....

We are only one year and 72 days away from the year 2000. We should be a more advanced society than this.

I don't have all the answers, nor would I pretend to have them like some people choose to do. I don't know why God would make people different when it causes so much hate.

I don't know what it is like to be gay, but I know what it is like to be straight. And I know I didn't make a choice to be this way. I did not weigh the options in third grade and decide to kiss Nathan Miller. So if I didn't choose to be straight then why would I dare to assume that someone chose to be gay?

Why would anyone choose to be gay? The choice would be illogical. For a person to choose to belong to a group of people who are so isolated, abused and denied access to their own identity.

Why would anyone choose to be gay in Wyoming of all places where there are so few openly gay people?

The only answer I can present logically is that Matthew did not have a choice to be gay or straight. He was not gay because it would bring him friends, popularity or acceptance. Matthew must have been gay because that is the way he was.

No one deserves to die the way he did, no matter what or who they are.

Sherry Keneson-Hall is Life! editor for The Parthenon. Comments can be sent to her at 311 Smith Hall. She can be reached at 696-6696.



THIS MEANS WAR!

Ants in Twin Towers bug columnist

by TODD BUTCHER
columnist

I had originally intended to not write this column since they did come and spray about a week ago.

But as I sit here, in Twin Towers East, on the 15th floor, typing this column, I have spotted about five or six ants on my desktop.

I killed them, all the while throwing obscene words at them. Hold on a minute ... sorry, had to kill another one crawling across my keyboard.

I just finished a can of soda that had set for a few minutes ... wonder how many ants I drank ... If you think this is disgusting so far then stop reading this, because it gets worse.

I got up this morning, took my shower, then brushed my teeth. As I brushed my teeth, I discovered about six ants in my shower caddy ... the part that holds my comb, my toothbrush and my toothpaste.

How long will it be before I squeeze my toothpaste and get ants instead?

I, along with several others, complained to the R.A., who graciously called Resident Services. They came and sprayed. So far, no results.

In fact, I saw less ants before they sprayed. The R.A. told me how he had plugged a hole in one of the rooms that was literally pouring ants from the wall.

How long will it be before I squeeze my toothpaste and get ants instead? I, along with several others complained to the R.A., who graciously called Resident Services. They came and sprayed. So far, no results.

Wait ... that was one more.

That's about eight ants since I have sat down to type this column.

This is getting ridiculous, and I am getting paranoid.

I had trouble sleeping last night because I kept having the feeling that ants were crawling all over me.

I have deep scratch marks now, that were probably caused by my over-active imagination.

Just a minute ... yeah, that one makes nine. I am not making any of this up either. A couple of weeks ago I had to mention to the R.A. that I had seen a mouse.

He told me, "Man, a mouse? If I see a cockroach, I'm out of here." I agreed wholeheartedly.

Admittedly, I have not seen this mouse for a while, but still, makes me wonder what else is living in this building other than people.

Give a second ... you have probably guessed that it was another ant.

Count is up to nine. I have officially declared war on these pests by buying some ant traps

designed by Raid to kill the entire nest ... no results.

But like I said before, they seem to be getting worse, not better, which is not helping my state of mind.

If someone high up is reading this, I ask you to please help! This is insane, wait ... sorry, there was another ant.

That's ten ants in the fifteen minutes it has taken to write this.

I just spoke to my neighbor and he showed me a pizza box that had about another ten ants in it. That brings the count up to twenty.

Suffice to say, I am not used to this, and at this moment I have the sensation of things crawling over me.

This is disgusting, and a little unsettling. I ask anyone who can please help us get rid of these ants!

Todd Butcher is a columnist for The Parthenon. Comments can be sent to him in care of The Parthenon at 311 Smith Hall. He can be reached at 696-6696.

CAMPUS VIEW

Letters sent to Campus View must not exceed 250 words. Opinion pieces longer than 250 words may be used as guest columns and published elsewhere on this page.

Gays do not deserve preferential treatment

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the recent outbreak of homosexual propaganda on the campus of Marshall University.

In the past week, students have been subjected to "Coming Out Day," a chalk walk, and now, a vigil for a boy whom none of us even knew.

Enough is enough. Not one person would take notice if I were to write the names of famous heterosexual people on the sidewalk or if I were to hold a vigil for a heterosexual that was brutally killed halfway across the country.

This campus has seen enough homosexuality for an eternity. What's more, a majority of this campus, including myself, has no sympathy for homosexuals.

There is no difference between a hate crime and any other crime. A crime against a homosexual is not worse than a crime against a heterosexual and the punishment should be the same.

It is wrong to give homosexuals preferential or special treatment when their actions are by choice and an immoral choice at that.

—Chris Pence,
South Charleston senior

TELL US YOUR STORIES

The Parthenon editors are gearing up for the 100-year anniversary edition of the student newspaper.

In 1898, what was previously referred to as the Marshall Critic became The Parthenon, a name that stuck with the student newspaper for the many years that followed.

Since its conception, the newspaper has employed many Marshall students and members of staff that have gone on to much bigger and better things, whether they include a reporter's desk at The Charleston Daily Mail, a copy editor's position at The Herald-Dispatch or a job at the top of some other national publication.

Were you or someone you know once a part of what made The Parthenon tick? We'd love to hear from you for our special anniversary edition, which will hit newsstands and will be sent to subscribers Nov. 3 of this year.

Please contact The Parthenon with your stories or narratives at 696-6696, 311 Smith Hall.

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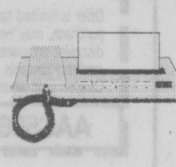
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Blizzard players get chance to mingle with fans

by **SCOTT PARSONS**
sports editor

Hockey players have gotten a bad rap. They aren't thugs who take to the ice every night just to beat someone up. They have a soft side too. With flash bulbs going off and young fans asking for autographs, members of Huntington's East Coast Hockey League franchise, the Blizzard, were on hand at the American Legion Hall on Sixth Avenue Tuesday night for a meet and greet session

with fans. The event was sponsored by the Blizzard Booster Club.

Blizzard Center Kevin Paden believes it's important to get out and meet the fans.

"It's great to come out and meet the fans," Paden said. "When there is a small group of people like this, they are usually great fans. It's nice to get together like this."

Center Jim Bermingham had nothing but high praises for the booster club.

"The booster family has been great to us,"

Bermingham said. "Every player gets a family that helps them out."

"They give them money and make them little bags of snack food to take on the bus with them on road trips."

Goaltender Chad Lang knows how important it is to meet with the fans.

"It's very important for the team to get out and meet the fans," Lang said. "It's good for our team to get involved in the community."

And the community has a reason to get involved with

the Blizzard. The team, off to a 2-1 start for the first season under new head coach Ray Edwards.

"I think we are ready for the rest of the season," Paden said. "This team has to come to work every night ready to play. I don't think we were ready Thursday [against the Wheeling Nailers] and they took advantage."

"Fortunately we have a good team that can come back from that."

Paden also has big plans for the post season.

"Our goal last year was to make the playoffs," Paden said. "We don't want to squeak into the playoffs, our goal is to go deep into the playoffs."

Lang is optimistic about the season as well.

"I think we are going to do well," Lang said. "We have the players to be the best in the league."

"We were blown out Thursday, but we came back against Dayton and got four big points out of the weekend."

Bermingham, who left Huntington earlier this summer to play hockey in Europe, is happy to be back in Huntington.

"I like Huntington and I like playing here," Bermingham said. "I wanted to come where I was happy and comfortable."

Bermingham has a unique perspective on hockey here compared to that in Europe.

"The styles are totally different," Bermingham said. "It's more of an open style and the ice is bigger."

MU tennis has good showing in tournament

by **SCOTT PARSONS**
sports editor

The Marshall tennis team doesn't start the season until the spring, but a little conference practice never hurts.

The tennis team traveled to Western Michigan to compete in the Mid-American Conference tournament this past weekend.

Marshall's Stephanie Jamar won the number two singles consolation match, defeating Toledo's Olga Fedotova, 6-3, 6-2, and Kris Tiedt from Northern Illinois, 6-3, 6-2. In number six singles, Marshall's Kelly Peller defeated Karyn

Ebelberger of Akron, Gayle Larsen from Ball State and Kerri Derouin of Northern Illinois before losing to Devon Bissinger of Bowling Green in the finals, 7-6, 6-2.

In Doubles action, Alyssa Bengel and Stephanie Jamar defeated Western Michigan before losing to Miami in the Quarterfinals.

Tara McGuire and Sheela Cabiling won the consolation round defeating Miami 8-6 and Toledo 8-3.

The regular season begins January 23 when the Herd travels to Williamsburg, VA to take on William and Mary.

AP's TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Previous ranking
1. Ohio St. (64)	6-0	1,743	1
2. UCLA (1)	5-0	1,647	2
3. Tennessee (3)	5-0	1,618	3
4. Kansas St. (2)	6-0	1,558	4
5. Florida	6-1	1,451	5
6. Florida St.	6-1	1,411	6
7. Nebraska	6-1	1,269	8
8. Texas A&M	6-1	1,215	10
9. Wisconsin	7-0	1,186	9
10. Penn St.	5-1	1,119	12
11. Georgia	5-1	1,002	13
12. Oregon	5-1	939	11
13. West Virginia	4-1	860	15
14. Arizona	6-1	800	16
15. Arkansas	6-0	746	17
16. Virginia	5-1	714	7
17. Colorado	6-1	604	19
18. Notre Dame	4-1	556	18
19. Missouri	5-1	547	20
20. Georgia Tech	5-1	538	25
21. Syracuse	4-2	286	23
22. Tulane	5-0	233	24
23. Virginia Tech	5-1	141	14
24. Mississippi St.	5-1	129	—
25. Texas Tech	6-1	116	22

Others receiving votes: Michigan 93, Kentucky 65, Washington 54, Air Force 30, LSU 23, Marshall 23, Southern Cal 16, N. Carolina St. 8, Texas 5, Wyoming 5.

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and ranking in previous poll

McGwire a hit on 'Late Night'

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark McGwire faced some questions and pitches from David Letterman Monday.

Appearing on "Late Night with David Letterman," McGwire said he figures a good pitch to hit for a home run is any ball "that's over the white part of the plate."

The St. Louis Cardinals first baseman found plenty of pitches in that area this season, finishing with a record 70 homers, nine better than the old mark set by Roger Maris in 1961.

McGwire said hitting 70 home runs "is like playing nerf ball in the backyard," but admitted that while he could hit almost any pitch, a split-fingered fastball causes him prob-

lems.

"I'm taking a right turn for the dugout," he said, referring to the path taken by those who struck out.

McGwire talked about the mutual respect he and Sammy Sosa have for each other. The Chicago Cubs right fielder finished the year with 66 home runs.

"He had a better year than I did," McGwire said of Sosa, "because he went to the playoffs."

After the interview, Letterman and McGwire went outside the Ed Sullivan Theater on 53rd Street with the TV host becoming just another pitcher who was taken deep by McGwire.

briefly...

HOCKEY

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Red Wings announced Scotty Bowman, the winningest coach in NHL history, received a clean bill of health from his doctors and will return to the team on Thursday.

Bowman, who underwent an angioplasty in July to clear a blocked artery and had his left knee replaced in August, had said he would not return unless his doctor said he was healthy enough.

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — The Edmonton Oilers have re-signed center Doug Weight to a two-year contract. Weight, who was a free agent, led Edmonton in scoring for the fifth consecutive season in 1997-98 with 70 points on 26 goals and 44 assists. He is the only player in the league to have led the same team in scoring for the last five seasons.

NEW YORK (AP) — Montreal Canadiens right wing Turner Stevenson was suspended for two games and fined \$1,000 by the NHL for throwing an elbow to the face of Buffalo forward Dixon Ward two days earlier. The incident happened late in the second period and no penalty was assessed on the play.

FOOTBALL

ST. PETE BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Former New York Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor, who has battled drug addiction for more than a decade, was charged with possession of crack cocaine after making a purchase from an undercover police officer.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The NFL is investigating whether the Carolina Panthers violated league rules by not reporting quarterback Steve Beuerlein's injured throwing shoulder.

The league's move was prompted by a CBS television report Sunday that questioned whether Beuerlein suffered a separated shoulder Oct. 11 against Dallas. The network also said the Panthers knew about the alleged injury but withheld the information.

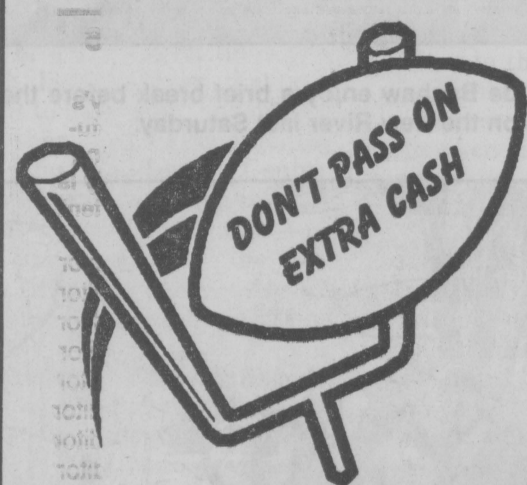
TENNIS

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic (AP) — Marat Safin upset top-seeded Petr Korda 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of the Czech Indoor tournament. Seventh-seeded Thomas Enquist also advanced, beating Paul Haarhuis 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Also, No. 8 Thomas Johansson beat Andrew Ilie 6-4, 6-4; Guillaume Raoux defeated Mikael Tillstrom 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3); Jiri Novak rallied to beat Nicolas Kiefer 7-6 (7-5), 0-6, 7-6 (7-2); and Wayne Black overpowered Radek Stepanek 6-3, 6-3.



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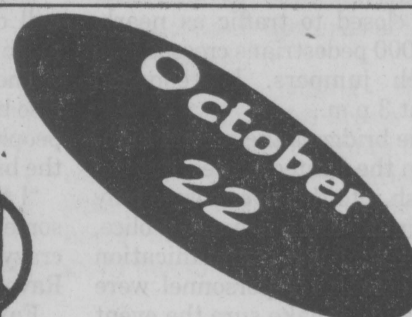
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"I think the jumpers are awesome, but they must be a little crazy, too."

Joe Bashaw,
Ravenswood senior

JUMP!

Story and photos by KATHERINE LEWIS
reporter

Thousands visit bridge looking for adventure

A man stands on a bridge 3,030 feet in the air looking down, with a thousand thoughts running through his head. One thought stands out. What in the heck is he doing here?

His life could be over in moments but he is smiling. Is this man out of his mind? Possibly, he is one of the hundreds who jumped Saturday at Bridge Day.

Every year the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce has a celebration of the completion of the steel New River Gorge Bridge on the third Saturday of October. The bridge is made of 88 million pounds of steel, costs nearly \$37 million, and took three years to complete.

According to the Bridge Day website, the bridge was completed in 1977 and the first Bridge Day was in 1980. Hundreds of BASE (Bridge, Aerial, Span, Earth) jumpers from around the world come to Fayetteville, W.Va., to test their skills.

The New River Gorge Bridge was closed to traffic as nearly 250,000 pedestrians crossed it to watch jumpers. It reopened about 3 p.m.

The bridge is the second highest in the United States, but the splash into the river comes only a minute after a jump. Police, water-safety, communication and emergency personnel were on hand to make sure the event was safe for everyone.

While some come to watch jumpers, others enjoy the scenery, parachuting and rappelling demonstrations. There was also music, organized walks and vendors for the onlookers and jumpers to enjoy.

"Bridge Day is a celebration and there is something to do for almost anybody," said Scott Evans, a Marshall senior from Huntington.

Many people were not happy with the lack of places to park. Cars were parked up to three miles along the highway from the bridge.

"Bridge Day sucked because the police wouldn't let us on the bridge because they weren't jumping anymore," said Micah

Pressman, Huntington senior. "Our group walked two miles after we parked," said Alan Meehleib, Charles Town senior. "The walk was ridiculous, and the wait for the shuttle back to the car was over an hour."

The weather was unusually warm for October. It was hot and sunny with temperatures in the high '70s. Many people who had prepared for cold weather were carrying unneeded jackets and sweatshirts.

The pavement was hot for those walking along the highway to the bridge. The car exhaust fumes were almost smothering. Many people sat along the highway cooling down and taking breaks for the journey to the bridge.

"My friends and I got to the bridge at 3 p.m. We walked two miles to get to the bridge, and then police told us pedestrians could not cross because there would be no more jumping," said MaryBeth Gooderham, Huntington junior.

"Next year my friends and I will definitely go earlier in the morning to get a parking spot."

Though jumping is fun, it can also be dangerous. In fact, three people have died jumping from the bridge. The last was in 1987.

"I think the jumpers are awesome but they must be a little crazy too," said Joe Bashaw, Ravenswood senior.

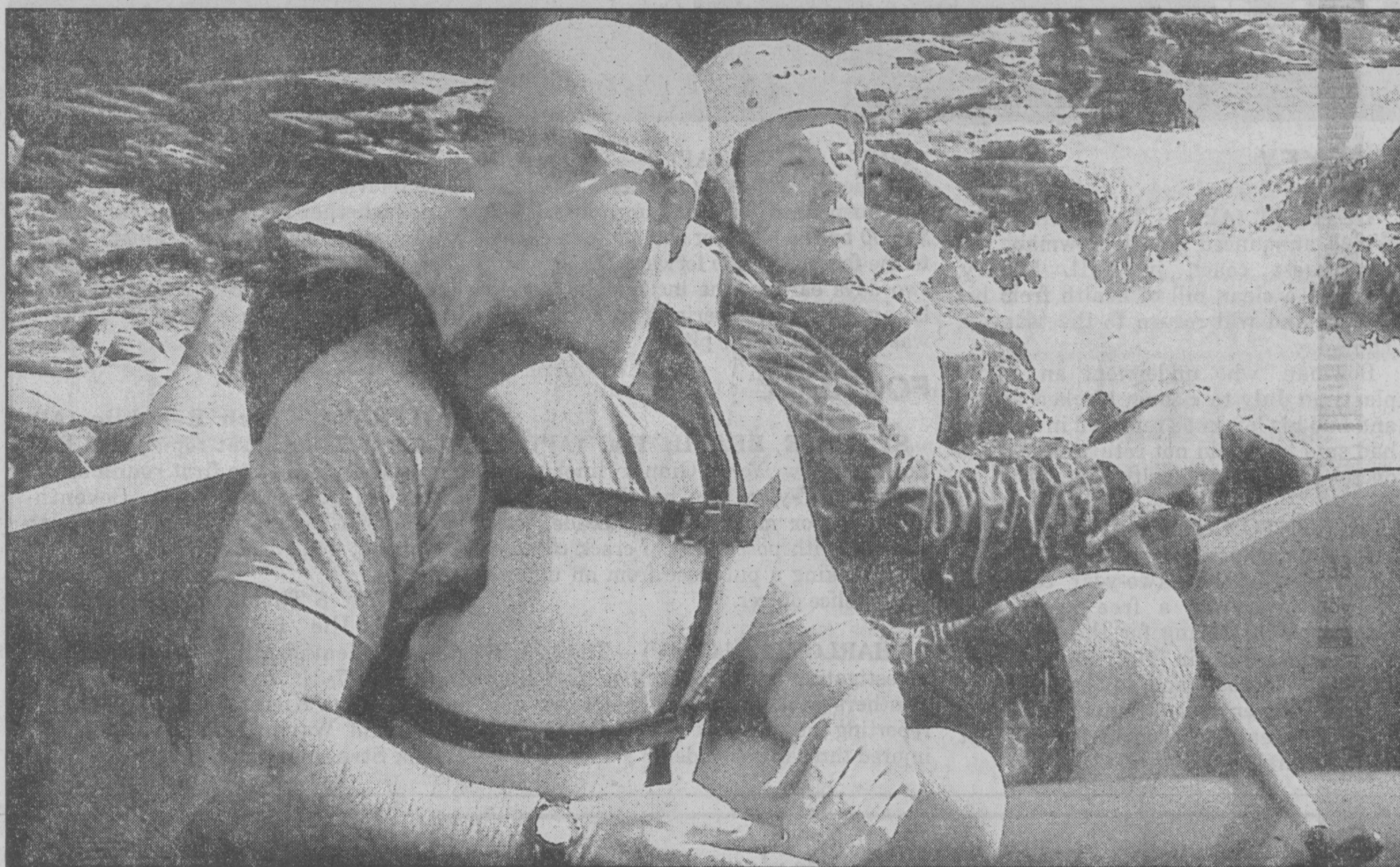
Fayetteville police stress jumping is legal this one day of the year and anyone who would jump any other day could be arrested.

According to the website, Bridge Day brings in \$1 million to Fayette county and nearby areas.

"Tourism is huge in West Virginia and Bridge Day always brings in a lot of money and a lot of hassle to the locals," said Danae Easywine, a guide from the West Virginia Whitewater Rafting company.

Whitewater rafters enjoyed Bridge Day from a different view, below the bridge.

Approximately a thousand rafters enjoyed the last weekend of Gauley season and Bridge Day combined.



Alan Meehleib and Joe Bashaw enjoy a brief break before the next class five rapid on the New River last Saturday.



The first thing visitors see as they begin to cross the New River Gorge Bridge is a sign telling them they are in the right place.

"We rafted the upper Gauley and enjoyed Bridge Day, it was great," Bashaw said.

Easywine said Bridge Day brought in more rafters than are usually on the river on the last weekend of Gauley season.

"Bridge Day is great but if you can hit it on the same weekend as the last weekend of Gauley season you're gonna have a good

time," Evans said.

People who would like to visit the bridge can get to Fayetteville by taking Interstate 64 to Charleston, then U.S. 60 east. Take U.S.19 south and which will take them five miles south of the bridge. Bridge Day information is also online at <http://www.nps.gov/neri/bridgeday.htm>.



Employees of The Station at Heritage Village and friends enjoy a group photo with their guides before they begin their day of rafting.